Drugs and Cosmetics Act

2681. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan before his ministry to bring unregulated devices under the purview of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act;

(b) whether bringing the above unregulated medical devices under the Act will reduce treatment cost;

(c) how his Ministry is going to ensure quality of medical devices that are imported into India; and

(d) how his Ministry can bring the medical devices under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act since they are technically non-pharmacuticals and are only categorized as devices which don't fall under the purview of the existing regulations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMTI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) The Government of India has notified the following Medical Devices under the purview of Drugs of Cosmetics Act, 1940 for exercising control over their quality.

1. Cardiac Stents.
2. Drug Eluting Stents.
3. Catheters.
4. Intra Ocular Lenses.
5. I.V. Cannula.
6. Bone Cements.
7. Heart Valves
8. Scalp Vein Set.
9. Orthopedic Implants.
10. Internal Prosthetic replacements.

(b) Cost of treatment also depends upon other factors like hospitalization costs and medicine costs.

(c) The quality of devices imported and marketed in the country would be regulated under the relevant provisions of Drugs & Cosmetics Act, 1940 and rules made thereunder.

(d) The Drugs and Cosmetics Act, 1940 under the Section 3 (b) (iv) provides for regulating such devices which are intended for internal or external use in the diagnosis, treatment, mitigation or prevention of disease or disorder in human beings or animals, as may be specified from time to time by the Central Government by notification in the Official Gazette, after consultation with the Drugs Technical Advisory Board (DTAB).

Banned drugs of arthritis in circulation

2682. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY:
SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that certain banned drugs for arthritis are openly sold in the market;

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether such treatment of Government's directives takes place because of the slackness of the enforcing agencies;

(d) if so, what measures are contemplated to strenthen the system;

(e) whether Government would consider canceling the licence of the retailers found selling a banned drug and dispensing alternative drugs not prescribed by the physican; and

(f) if so, the details therefof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMTI PANABAKA LAKSHMI): (a) and (b) The manufacture and sale of Roficoxib and Veldicixib, indicated for joint pains was prohibited by the Government of India through Gazette notifications throughout the country in December, 2004 and July, 2005. There is no specific reports that these drugs are being openly sold in the market.